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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Morganza to the Gulf project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The funding would be used to support the New Orleans District's FY24 capability to continue construction on the Morganza to the Gulf Hurricane Protection System. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because constructing Reach A and/or securing the vulnerability at Reach F, in addition to improving other critical features of the system will provide immediate benefits to Houma and Terrebonne parishes, undoubtedly saving lives and livelihoods from future flood damage.

The project has a federal nexus because it is expressly authorized within section 1001 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-114). Additionally, the final feasibility study was also expressly authorized in section 7002 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-121).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Garret Graves

Member of Congress